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The Village of Greenwich trustees hear out citizens, consent to flags on Main

After finding success in coordinating the Town of Greenwich working with the VFW and local veterans, led by Mike Savage (inset), to place 15 flags along the Route 29 corridor on Sept. 10, organizers (pictured) worried the Village of Greenwich might not be as amendable. So they showed up at Sept. 13's trustees meeting to make their case.

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Witches start fast

Like last season, Greenwich's offense is high-powered, and was on full display for the opener, winning 54-0. Returning quarterback Jesse Kuzmich put together an impressive performance. To remember those soldiers recently fallen in Afghanistan, the Witches ran onto the field carrying 13 American flags.

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Village of Greenwich agrees to flags on Main Street

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Marie and David Troy were a bit worried about the reception they'd receive at the Sept. 13 Village of Greenwich Trustees meeting. They had had some luck working with the Town and local VFW in getting 15 flags attached to telephone pole along the Route 29 corridor on Sept. 10 – installed by veteran Mike Savage with fellow veterans and residents – but the Troys said they'd gotten a chillier reception the last time they'd asked the Village to be more patriotic and do the same.

But the Village Board was nothing but amenable to the idea of placing flags along Main Street, and, at the meeting, the board also suggested other streets where flags would work. The logistics could easily come together, and village DPW chief Leo Flynn, who also has ties to the fire department, vowed support. Mayor Pam Fuller even suggested Hometown Heroes banners could be installed on poles, showing the small, masked, socially distant room an example of such a banner from Troy, NY. The banners feature the names and photos of local veterans.

“There is going to be no burden to the Village,” Savage said. “We're not asking for any money, and we'll do the upkeep. We have people willing to donate their time. Everything is done by donation.”

A fundraising effort, coordinated by the VFW's Tim Taylor and George Perkins (send your donation to the attention of the Flag Project, VFW, 63 Abeel Ave, Greenwich, NY 12834), raised funds for an additional dozen flags, which are in-hand. Flynn



L-R: Joshua Lee, Ellen Griffin, Matthew Cook, Marie Troy, David Troy and Suzette Kuzmich.

provided Savage with a list of lighted poles in town (per etiquette, flags can only hang on lighted poles). “We'll get it worked out,” Flynn said.

Flynn, who also helps with the Greenwich High School football team, noted we live in a very patriotic area. “At our home opener, 13 of our seniors ran onto the field with flags, one for each of the soldiers recently killed in Afghanistan,” he said. “The kids came up with that on their own.”

Many more people contributed to this effort, and it was a hot topic on the Greenwich Uncensored 2 Facebook page, as well as the Facebook page for this newspaper, so Village officials were well aware of the issue before the meeting, and were ready with answers. They unanimously approved flags for the village's Main Street and voted to move ahead with planning flags for other streets and pursuing the Hometown Heroes banners.

Savage, who has been going up in a cherry picker to install the flags on poles, said he and his wife transplanted to



Mike Savage installing on a town pole on Sept. 10 –david and marie troy photo

Greenwich about a decade ago to raise their children, but his wife contracted and later passed away from cancer; and he was humbled by the support of the local community at that time; a fundraiser at the fire department was held to help them.

“I'm not even from around here, and they did all that,” he told the board. “I just want to give back to this community.”



Mayor Pam Fuller shows an example of a Hometown Heroes banner. –dj



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Some minor publication changes

Pardon our confusion. We're going through some changes – not our choice – but we're making the best of it.

We were hitting the 1st and 16th of each month, and we had gotten used to that schedule. But the printer we were using announced they no longer were going to be in business, so we had to find a new printer, further away and, to make this affordable, have to print on days where it's convenient for the printer to deliver to us. We also have to coordinate that with the local post office, so we're a bit out of sorts.

We had to redesign the front page somewhat to accommodate a new labeling system. Hopefully that works out. And the new printer has a different plating system; thus offering different color pages than the old printer; so we had to change around our pages.

Now we plan to come out the first and third

Thursday of each month. But this gets complicated, as well, so we're not married to that idea.

What might be good news for readers is, we may just file paperwork with the USPS to switch to bi-weekly, as opposed to semi-monthly. So we'd come out 26 times a year, as opposed to 24.

Now might be a good time to start a subscription, so you get the old rate and, perhaps, two extra issues per year.

Ideal would be if we were weekly again, but we'd need approximately 400 more subscribers to make that feasible. That, or if local businesses start doing so well, they start to advertise again in truly local newspapers.

We do jam more local stories into each issue than any other paper out there, so hopefully you find us a great value no matter what our frequency. Thank you for being there for us!



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Free medical, dental clinic to visit 10/2-3

Remote Area Medical- RAM® – a major non-profit provider of pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision and medical care to underserved and uninsured individuals—will be in the region next month on October 2 & 3, 2021, to provide free care.

The 2-day clinic, in collaboration with The Southern Adirondack Health Initiative and members of the local community, will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds, located at 392 Old Schuylerville Rd, Greenwich, NY 12834.

All RAM services are free, and no ID is required. Free dental, vision, and medical services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

“The Southern Adirondack Health Initiative, a community group formed to organize this clinic, is grateful for the community response and the donations of goods and money that are making this clinic possible,” said Karen Weinberg, Promotions chair for the clinic event. “This is the first of its kind in our area thanks to RAM, who provides free, quality health care in communities like ours across the United States.”

Services available at the clinic will include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions, dental x-rays, eye exams, glaucoma testing, eyeglass prescriptions, eyeglasses made on-site, women's health exams, diabetes testing and counseling, acupuncture, cancer screenings, and general medical exams.

Due to time constraints, patients should be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION

services. Free medical services are offered in addition to dental or vision services to every patient attending the clinic.

The patient parking lot will open no later than 12:01 am, Saturday, October 2 and remain open. As patients arrive at the parking lot, they will be provided with additional information regarding clinic opening processes and next steps. Patients should be prepared with their own food, water, medicines, and clothing, when arriving early. Bathrooms will be provided.

Clinic doors open at 6 am on Saturday, October 2. This process will repeat on Sunday, October 3.

“Remote Area Medical is glad to be able to help bring free services to those in need in the Greenwich community,” said RAM CEO Jeff Eastman. “This has been a challenging time, and access to healthcare is more important than ever before. Thank you to all the volunteers who are coming to help those in need.”

RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible. In some situations, such as inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances outside of RAM's control, the parking lot may open earlier or a smaller number of patients served. *Clinic closing time may vary based on each service area's daily capacity. Please check RAM's clinic FAQ page for more information.

In response to COVID-19, RAM has incorporated and developed new disinfecting and safety processes. All patients will be required to wear a



Dental work done at a previous RAM clinic

face covering and must undergo a COVID-19 screening before entering the clinic. Guests and family members of patients, including pets, will not be allowed to enter the building. New air flow, disinfecting processes, and capacity limitations have also been put in place to ensure the safety of patients, staff and volunteers.

Since RAM's founding in 1985, more than 863,000 individuals have received free services. Please email RAM's Volunteer Manager Mary Brown at marybrown@ramusa.org if you are interested in volunteering at this event. For more information about volunteering at a RAM pop-up medical clinic in the future or to donate, visit www.ramusa.org or call 865-579-1530.

If you are media and would like an interview or to attend the clinic, please reach out to Mindy Cooper at mindycooper@ramusa.org.



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Several events in the Town of Greenwich

Cara Granata
Journal & Press

This month's Town Board Meeting was held on September 14th at 7:00pm in the town office building in Greenwich. Led by Supervisor Don Ward, the board discussed previous unfinished business, new business, and confirmed dates for planned events. To begin the meeting, the board expressed their condolences for the loss of a beloved Greenwich resident, Robert McKernon, who dedicated over 10 years to the town. They emphasized their gratitude to the towns of Greenwich, Argyle, and Easton for the use of their trucks that allowed for "Bob's Last Ride" from the McKernon Farm to the funeral.

Another acknowledgement was made to the VFW for their American Flag Project in which they raised money through private donations to obtain American Flags to be hung on the street-lamps down Route 29. What originally started as 11 flags for 9/11 became an ongoing project of adding more flags along the streets. The VFW plans to order more flags and create a committee to maintain the flags.

In collaboration with the flag project, the town and VFW plans to gather for a **Ceremony**

of Remembrance for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. This will commence at the VFW on Abeel St. in Greenwich on **Saturday, September 18th at 2:00**. The ceremony is open to all and will be followed by "Gratitude Gathering for All First Responders" that will include food, music, and games. Though this is to celebrate first responders and their families, the community is welcome to participate by dropping off gifts such as cards, food, etc. to show their appreciation.

The Board discussed additional future meetings and important dates for this month. **The Budget Workshop** will be held September 23rd at 6:00 pm while **the next budget/regular meeting** will occur on October 5th at 7:00 pm. The Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to host the annual **Halloween Parade** on October 31st at 1:00. Participants are invited to gather at Main Street and be sure to wear a costume for a chance to win one of the five costume categories: The Best Dressed Pet, The Most Original, The Funniest, The Scariest, and The Best Group/Family. \$100 will be rewarded to the overall "Best in Parade Costume." Also, one of Greenwich's most popular events, the **Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor**

Parade is a work in progress set to take place on November 20th. Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is asking for volunteers to help make this highly anticipated event happen by joining their planning committee.

Meetings Back to Zoom?

The Board states that Covid-19 cases are on the rise in Greenwich, which brings a question from the public. An attendee asks the board to reconsider hosting their meetings via Zoom. She points out multiple reasons why this would be a good decision. The first being that, as the board pointed out, Covid cases are increasing. Online meetings allow for better attendance from the public, who might find Zoom to be more convenient and safer. A board member pointed out that the Emergency Act that allows Zoom meetings in place of in person meetings has expired, but a new guideline set only this week by New York State allows meetings to be held in-person and with the option of Zoom, with a link sent out to all who wish to attend. The board concludes that they will consider meetings via Zoom.

Evolution talk at ACC

Andrew Costa, professor of Philosophy at SUNY Adirondack, will present "Philosophy after Darwin" at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, in Miller Auditorium, Dearlove Hall, on the college's Queensbury campus.

The presentation is part of SUNY Adirondack's College Lecture Series and is sponsored by the college's Professional Development Committee. The public is invited and admission is free. The talk will last about an hour with time for questions.

Before Darwin's demonstration of evolutionary processes, it was generally held that order and complexity in the natural world was derived from antecedent essences, a concept that all things are part of a comprehensive "blueprint" or "schematic" to which reality conforms.

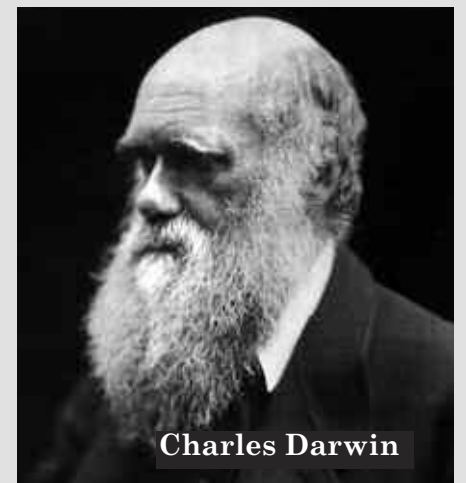
The implications of evolutionary theory reverse this approach. For the past 150 years, a new view of how things come into being has emerged that rejects the idea that things must adopt a form consistent with all other possible structures that exist. This was as much a revolution in metaphysics and epistemology as it was in biology: The blueprint was thrown away and, instead, reality improvises.

Costa earned a Ph.D. from SUNY Albany. He is a professor of Philoso-

phy at SUNY Adirondack, where he has been employed since 2003. He served as division chairperson of both the Humanities and the Social Science divisions. His areas of research include ancient and contemporary metaphysics, epistemology, social contract theory, logic and philosophy of religion.

The College Lecture Series offers talks by SUNY Adirondack faculty and staff on a variety of topics and contemporary issues. Upcoming presentations include: "Landscape and Memory" by Katherine Patterson, adjunct professor of Drawing and 2D Design, at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20; "What Are Concepts For? Part 2" by Robert Faivre, professor of English, at 12:40 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15; and a talk with Diane Bargiel, a retired associate professor of Music, at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

For more information, contact series coordinator Jeevan Gurung at cls@sunyacc.edu.



Charles Darwin

Covid funds a hot topic in Argyle

Robin Lyle

Special to Journal & Press

The federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted into law in March 2021. It gives significant funding to every level of state and local government to recover from the pandemic. Argyle will receive \$400,000 total in ARPA funds with about \$344,000 going to the town and the remainder to the village. ARPA monies can be used to address harms to Argyle residents suffered due to the pandemic and their enduring effects and to build the community's resilience to support the physical, mental, and economic health of Argyle into the future. Economic loss from a job or business, food insecurity, mental health concerns, substance use and addiction, housing insecurity or eviction, domestic violence and drug overdoses are some of the problems communities have faced resulting from the effects of the pandemic.

At the September 8 meeting of the Argyle Town Board, Councilman Kevin Hayes reported on a seminar held by the NYS Association of Towns on the federal American Rescue Plan Act. He identified four major categories of allowable uses of the ARPA funds:

1. Responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;
2. Premium pay for essential workers in eligible fields;
3. Revenue loss for government services; and
4. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure projects.

Hayes noted that no federal approval is required as the town begins to identify how best to use this money but details and justification of expenditures must be reported periodically.

Supervisor Robert Henke noted that Washington County hired a CPA firm to analyze the revenue loss the county incurred due to Covid. The consultant found losses totaling \$15 million, much greater than expected and in excess of the total ARPA grant of \$11.7 million. Lost revenue replacement allows local governments to move ARPA monies into the general fund where there are fewer restrictions on its use. A motion was unanimously approved by the Argyle Town Board to hire a firm to analyze revenue loss in Argyle.

An Argyle resident in attendance asked if there

was a hazard in the county moving all of the ARPA funds into a less restricted account where they may be used for any purpose and possibly none of it would go to the intended Covid relief. Supervisor Henke expressed his view that the Washington County Board of Supervisors is an honest group who wouldn't do that and as head of the county effort he will immediately move that money into a capital fund earmarked for the exact same items covered by ARPA.

The Argyle Town Board again stated the intention to organize a community meeting in order to involve residents in a discussion of the use of ARPA funds which will be announced on Front Porch Forum.

Additional actions the Argyle Town Board included:

- Supervisor Henke reached out to landlords and renters to make them aware of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), however, only three applications were made from Argyle.
- The Governor rescinded open meetings requirements due to increases in Covid impact. The County will go back to Zoom meetings. The Argyle Town Board can decide to make changes including requiring masks or proof of vaccine but decided not to make any changes at this time.
- Supervisor Henke will make a proclamation declaring September 18th Thistle Day. Thistle Day begins at 2:00 with a parade, and includes a Fire Department chicken barbeque, craft fair and pulled pork at the American Legion, a car show at the Stiles House, music and fireworks.
- Town Board approved a motion to accept it's sole bid for hauling sand at a rate of \$120 per hour. Paving will begin next week on Goose Island and at Summit Lake.
- Minutes from a Special Meeting held on August 19, 2021 document the hiring of Dan Gaulin as a seasonal employee under the title building maintenance mechanic along with 1 or 2 laborers for the purpose of fixing the highway department roof.
- A Special Meeting of the Board will be arranged to discuss the 2022 town budget.
- A motion to appoint Robin Lyle to a



term on the Board of Assessment Review was passed. Councilman Hayes expressed concern that assessments in Cossayuna Lake are less than 100% since many houses have been selling for more than the assessed value.

Resident Scott Lufkin asked if there has been any pressure from NYS to wipe out poison parsnip and is concerned that it is getting into the fields. Supervisor Henke responded that the town conducts roadside mowing on three separate occasions every summer which prevents re-seeding of poison parsnip and greatly reduces its spread.

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The 'not so secret' life of pets

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Growing up we had a few cats and one dog. They were very much pets though, not people. The cats disappeared at one point, either hit by a car or killed by another animal. The dog lived about 8 years, and while I was a little sad when I heard he had died, I don't recall feeling devastated. Pets were pets, and we fed them and played with them but that was about it. My husband recalls a few barn cats that they adopted but they didn't last long. Living on the corner of busy roads meant an early life for their cats. Maybe because it was before social media, we just didn't see people babying their pets, dressing them in clothes, making their food, and carrying them in baby carriers or joggers. There were animal hoarders, and we saw that on the news occasionally. But the pampered pooch? It just wasn't heard of.

When my sister and her husband got their first cats in 2005, times had changed. Beau and Belle were a mix of Siamese and Persian. They were gorgeous with soft, white fur and blue eyes. No expense was spared, the cats had huge towers, comfortable beds, toys, and perches added to window ledges. They had full run of the house, and everything was baby, er, cat proofed to keep them safe. Christmas cards were from my sister, her husband, and their cats. Often the pictures were just of the cats. My father asserted that if he was reincarnated, he wanted to come back as one of my sister's cats, as pampered and spoiled as they were.

A few years ago, we adopted two cats. We are huge Harry Potter fans, and when we met the cats, the male was named George, for George Weasley, and his sister was named Luna, after the character Luna Lovegood. It was destiny. After some discussion, my daughter changed Luna's name to Piper Annabeth, and she is more a Piper than Luna. George, however, is most certainly a George, so it stayed. They have been wonderful cats, providing hours of amusement and comfort. The one time we had mice, they quickly took care of that too. Unlike my

cats growing up, George and Piper are strictly indoor cats. We take them to the veterinarian yearly, though George goes more often than that because he is extra. George was diagnosed with diabetes when he was 2, and we have had a couple of scares due to that. But each time he is brought to the vet and treated.

One of the things I have found myself doing is talking to the cats. It is known that feral cats do not meow and communicate in other ways. Only housecats meow. The more you talk to them, the more they meow back. I wish I had been aware of this when we got them. Too late now. Our cats are quite vocal, and perhaps a tiny bit judgmental. All good cats are. My Vet tells me I am a "generous" feeder, but my cats are quite insistent they are wasting away to nothing, so I feed them. While not quite as spoiled as my sister's cats, they are considered members of our family and treated accordingly.

'Kona needs rice or chicken added for her food to be acceptable.'

As if the cats were not enough, this past year we adopted a dog. Kona is sweet and social. She loves everyone she meets, especially our next-door neighbors. Kona is microchipped and has graduated from obedience school. We are still working on the obedience part. Kona can't be fed just plain kibble. She needs rice or chicken added for her food to be acceptable. I find myself buying her a toy every time I am out, and I'm eyeing an obstacle course to work on agility with her. I have the best conversations with Kona, though I've realized when we are out that I'm saying things out loud. "Kona, not on Phil's lawn!" or "Please don't flatten Mary Ann's flowers, she'll stop giving me pickles!" or "Nick won't notice if you poo on his lawn." She seems to take everything in stride, with far less judgment than I get from the cats.



Talking to other pet owners I find similar mindsets. The animals are pampered and cared for. If they get an upset tummy, they go to the Vet. Special foods are prepared to decrease their discomfort. We view our pets as a part of the family, to be cared for and protected. Social media is filled with dogs and cats being dressed up, competing in agility shows or beauty pageants, and treated like royalty. Much effort is made to ensure they are active, cared for, and stimulated. I think this is a good thing. Animals who are busy and active are happy, and not tearing apart the house. Pets are big business, with the American Pet Products Association estimating that Americans will spend \$99 billion on their pets this year alone. If you have ever been to a local PetSmart or PetCo on a Saturday afternoon, you know it's true.

When my sister's cat Belle passed a few months before my father did, we found comfort that she might have been there to greet him. I don't know if I believe in reincarnation, but my sister did get two new cats after our father's death. Her male cat, Lance, is a naughty busy body who demands attention. I'm convinced it's our dad, in cat form, being the pampered center of attention. Finally.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



From chicken farm to toymaker to food hub

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Since the 1940's, 101 Fiddler's Elbow Road, a two acre plot of land, was a chicken farm called White Feather. In 1973, John Gunther bought the farm and converted the chicken coop into a toy manufacturing business – The Toy Works.

As business grew, John added employees and several metal buildings. The manufacturing facility eventually grew to 20,000 square feet and 45 employees. The Toy Works sold to retail gift stores, exported items to Europe, and developed a mail order catalog business.

Many local residents remember attending the once a year toy sale in the Fall. The Toy Works closed down during COVID but recently reopened. They will be holding another toy sale this year on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2.

After 47 years of toy making, Gunther was looking to slow down. When he heard Comfort Food Community (CFC) was looking for a bigger space, he connected with them and worked hand in hand to make his two acre property a suitable opportunity for CFC to purchase and renovate for their needs.

Jim Mumby, CFC Board member and a member of the board's Real Estate Committee, is serving as Project Manager for the conversion of the buildings into functional space for food operations. He is working with architect Dan Patane and serves as the go between with the architect and the builders.

'After 47 years of toy making, Gunther was looking to slow down.'



Archive photo

MaryAnn McGeorge, Founder and former president of the board, said the purchase of the property was made possible by a donation from the SENDAK Foundation as well as a large anonymous donation.

Devin Bulger, Executive Director of CFC, working with his board, envisions creating a Food and Farm Hub by CFC. Bulger said the board decided to fully develop the concept in phases.

Phase I involves converting a building into a fresh food collective operations center. The work involves washing the food collected from area farms in a 30 mile radius and packaging it for distribution to their two food pantries. CFC processed 130,000 lbs. of food for distribution in 2020. Their plan is to double this amount in 2022 using the new facility. 90% of the money for this conversion has been raised through a member item from Assemblywoman Carrie Warner, a grant from the Marylyn Lichtman Foundation, and an anonymous donor. This

phase is nearly completed.

Phase II is the development of a food processing facility. As part of the New York State School Initiative, food for distribution to schools and other venues needs to be prepared. This involves cutting, dicing, cooking, and making sauces, among other activities. A full processing kitchen will be built. This phase is funded by a \$125,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield grant. Phase II should be completed in about a year.

Phase III involves conversion of the nearly 20,000 square foot former chicken coop turned toy manufacturing facility into a Center for Food and Agriculture. The exact re-configuration of the building and functions will be determined through a strategic planning process with community input. There is the possibility of a second floor addition, creation of a commercial kitchen for community group use, and room for food and agriculture-related organizations to rent space. Large cold food storage is also envisioned.

This project is a shining example of how one of Greenwich's historical farm properties can be transformed into a manufacturing facility employing many area residents,

and then re-transformed into a food hub serving hundreds of families. It also demonstrates how dedicated citizens working together can improve the lives of Greenwich residents. This is a prime example of how to leverage the generosity of individuals and foundations along with government support to create lasting good for the community.



The property today –jim mumby photos



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The Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship (Greenwich NY) is a non-for-profit organization comprised of various religious organizations which sponsors interfaith services and community focused projects. This organization supports the Van-Go Transportation Service for medical appointments and grocery shopping and helps individuals and families who are in need throughout the greater Greenwich region. On Friday August 6th, the Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship held its 15th Annual Golf Tournament at the Battenkill Country Club and thirty teams participated on a perfect weather day. Thanks to generous support of the community, the tournament raised roughly \$15,000 that will support all the programs the Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship conducts throughout the year. Many in the community supported this event through hole and cart sponsorships, playing and volunteering. With the very generous support of 30 area golf courses, every team received a prize. The GIF is grateful to the entire community for such support outstanding!

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A retirement speech from someone too young to retire

Greg Schwem
Special to Journal & Press

Hi, Instagram! It's Andrew. I have some, how should I say, personal news. But before I get into that, please "like" my page" and also follow me on YouTube, Twitter, Snapchat and TikTok. Oh, and I'll have more details about this announcement on my podcast; so check that out too.

OK, here goes. As many of you know, I've been in the workforce for nearly six months. Well, if you don't count the nine mental health days I took, then, yes, six months. And even though my company instituted a four-day work week and allows paid time off for dog grooming visits, I needed those days. Seriously, when my supervisor told me I had to be part of FOUR Zoom calls in a single day, well, that was just too much. And that's what I'm live streaming this announcement.

As my 24th birthday dawns, a little voice inside my head has been getting louder. And it's saying, "Drew, there's more to life than work." Now it's time I start listening to that voice.

I mean, I've already accomplished all of my professional goals. I've made enough money to move out of my parents' house. Well, I almost did, then COVID hit. So, yes, I'm still here, but living in my childhood bedroom, surrounded by my high school trophies, has made me realize that life is short. I don't want to wake up when I'm 30 -- hopefully in my own place -- and realize how much I've missed.

So, I've made the decision to take some Andrew time. I'm not retiring. I'm just...recalibrating. And everybody has been so supportive, maybe with the exception of my dad who said, "What the hell does that mean? I'm 58 and you don't see me re-whatever. I haven't even calibrated yet."

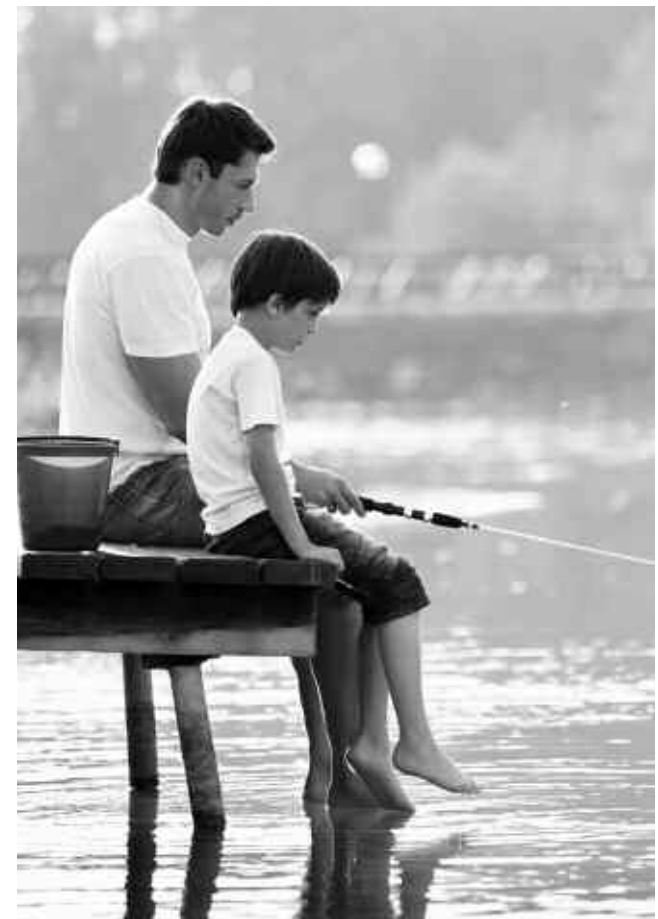
I can't believe my dad still works. He could have retired by 30 if he just had the same values and goals as my generation.

It's not like I won't be making money. I can always become an influencer, monetize my YouTube channel or develop an app. My college roommate Darren created this AWESOME app that suggests which cannabis-infused edibles go best with microbrews. So, like, if you're sipping a Belgian IPA, you just point your iPhone at the glass and the app tells you that a watermelon sativa gummy would go great with it.

It's amazing! Darren submitted it to Apple 15 months ago and he's still waiting to hear back; but when he does, he and I are going to be partying in Belize. First class, baby! Is there any other way to travel?

Plus, Dad doesn't know anything about cryptocurrency. When is he going to learn that the only thing you need for financial independence is a decent internet signal and a Reddit account?

So, next Friday will be my last day. I've already told my co-workers that I don't want a big party. Or a big virtual party since we're all still working from home. I submitted my notice and the messages on my company group chat have been SUPER positive. Wait, here's one now. I'll read it aloud:



"Remind me again. Who are you?"

Um, that probably came from somebody who was hired after me. But see, this is my point. Once I've extricated myself from the workforce, I won't have to respond to group chat messages. If I must work from home on my laptop at the local Starbucks, I want it to be work that fulfills ME, not somebody else. I've given my heart and soul to this organization ever since the day my dad's golf buddy hired me. Those days are over.

So, that's it. As of next week, I'll be off the grid for a while. I plan to travel. Maybe hike or camp or just do something that feeds my soul. As long as Dogecoin stays stable, I'll be fine.

Bye for now. Please like and subscribe.

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Beer/brats in Salem

The Courthouse will hold its 6th Annual Fall Fundraising Event entitled Beer' n Brats, which will be held on Saturday, October 2nd from 3 pm- 7pm. This year they are limiting the number of tickets sold to ensure a more socially distanced environment outside. The Courthouse will only be selling 150 tickets (down from the usual 300) and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Admission to the event will include unlimited samplings of beer from various Washington County and surrounding area brewers. It will also include a brat, pulled pork or vegetarian dish all served with German potato salad and Cole slaw. There will also be mac and cheese and pretzels. The Hangry Scot will cater this event and will

purchase brats from Yushak's Market. Their full menu can be seen on the event website at alemcourthouse.org/event/beer-n-brats-event/ This is also where tickets can be purchased at this site.

Admission price ensures samplings of all the beer and cider provided by local breweries from Washington County and the surrounding area. Argyle Brewing Co., Artisanal Brew Works, Brown's Brewing, Bound by Fate, Great Flats Brewing, RS Taylor & Sons, Slate Town Brewery, Slyboro Ciderhouse and Unified Beerworks will be providing samplings

The band, Simple Beggars, will be performing for three hours. Elizabeth Donaldson's photography will be showcased in the Great Hall.

Register to vote

Register to vote on National Voter Registration Day at the Greenwich Free Library on Tuesday, September 28th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New to the area? Are you registered to vote? As many as 1 in 4 eligible Americans are not registered to vote. Millions of Americans miss elections each year due to registration problems or missing deadlines. Over the years, this National Voter Registration Day has made an impact. Since 2012, National Voter Registration Day has helped 4.5 million people register to vote for the first time or update their existing registration. So visit the back porch at the library to register to vote.

Bancroft's new hours

As of Monday, August 30th the Bancroft Public Library in Salem has returned to full hours. The library will be open: Monday: 1 - 6 pm; Tuesday: 1 - 8 pm; Wednesday: 10 am - 6 pm; Thursday: 1 - 8 pm; Friday: 1 - 5 pm and Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm.

Don't forget to visit the fridge in the foyer that is stocked each week with fresh produce and other healthy foods from the Farm-2-Library Program. If you have any questions, call (518) 854-7463.

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Darren Johnson
Publisher

Every now and then, even in this Covid socially distant era, I'll bump into a person who says they've given up on the paper because, in their mind, it is slanted one way or the next. One cited it was "too liberal." I asked for an example, and they mentioned a column. Obviously a column is one person's opinion – that's why there's a little postage stamp photo at the end with a bio. One person said the paper was too conservative, citing the fact that Elise Stefanik bought bold ads in the paper last election season. I mean, those were *ads* – it said so in the ad, and who paid for it.

I have to assume these folks are in the minority, as we've earned 200 subscribers in the past year and a half – despite Covid – and most people are adult enough to realize all 32 pages of each

issue aren't melting their fragile snowflake sensibilities. However, the larger media – including Facebook and niche TV and radio channels that preach to the already indoctrinated, right or left – has changed the way a lot of people think, and they get so easily offended now, to the point where a diversity of opinions is viewed as a bad thing.

Maybe that's why the good Greenwich citizens who worked to get flags installed in the town, which leans in one political direction, were trepidatious about asking the village, which leans in another direction, to do the same, and they were genuinely surprised when the village so easily acquiesced (and it's not even an election year for village officials, so you can't say the trustees were pandering).

You see, not all issues are partisan. Most aren't really. But with how the federal government has changed, and because of the siloing of the national media and Facebook, we're conditioned to think party makes the person, and that a person of a different party can't possibly be agreeable.

Which brings us to this election season, which is mostly at the town level. Again, I'll use Greenwich as an example, as it seems to have the most competitive races.

I get various communications from the candidates from both sides, and have to make the call as to whether they are sending something that's truly useful for the readership, or if they



are looking for free PR. I've said no to publishing some partisan pieces from both teams, probably causing ire, and it's easy for them to cry bias, but, I've made it a point to be fair, even looking at word counts devoted to each candidate.

The reality is, all of the Greenwich candidates are more than qualified and all have demonstrated genuine care about the community. Those jobs don't pay much, either. Often, I feel it's unfortunate that they have to play this us vs. them game. We're a small town. There's no need to adhere to the partisan negativity we see at higher levels.

Let's listen to the candidates based on their substance, and not take it as a personal affront if one party or the next wins. Everyone in the local political arena is trying to do what's best for their community.

There's no need to consider these races through a partisan lens. The work of government should be above that, anyway.

Darren Johnson is Publisher of this paper, teaches college Journalism part-time and also runs the multi-college independent paper Campus News. He lives in Greenwich Town with his wife and daughter.




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In appreciation of the community's support over the last year, Hudson Crossing Park invites the public to enjoy a free concert courtesy of RiverJack Z and Steve Zucchini and a picnic or to-go meal of chicken barbeque from the Schuylerville American Legion on Sunday, September 26, 2021, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Schuylerville American Legion will be selling their popular chicken barbeque dinners at \$15 with a portion of the proceeds to benefit Hudson Crossing Park. Meals include a half chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, and buttered roll. All meals will be packaged in "to go" containers to eat as you prefer, either in the park while enjoying the concert (please bring utensils, beverages, and picnic blankets) or to take home. Meal pick up will begin at 4pm.

Reservations are required. Limit to 200 dinners. Please RSVP by no later than September 22, 2021 at www.HudsonCrossingPark.org or by emailing kmorse@hudsoncrossing.org. Payment is due at pickup day of.

In the event of inclement weather, meals will be available for pick up only at the Hudson Crossing Park pavilion at 4pm.



Wear your 'Argyle' socks!

The Argyle J. A. Barkley Hose Co. Auxiliary is making plans for a Thistle Day Parade, in conjunction with a townwide celebration, on Saturday, September 18, with step-off at 2:00. The theme for this year's parade is "Thistle Day...Celebrate Argyle's Scottish Heritage."

The Auxiliary urges area families, churches, organizations and businesses to participate by entering floats and/or marching units. Entry forms are needed for placement in the parade line-up. Organizers would also like to encourage area youth to enter their decorated bicycles. No entry forms are needed for this category, but they do need to stress that helmets are required for all participants. For entry forms for floats, or if there are any questions, call 518-638-8667.

Following the parade, there will be a pre-order chicken BBQ offering the Argyle Firefighters' famous BBQ chicken with baked potato, corn and roll at the firehouse on State Route 40.

Tickets for the BBQ need to be purchased in advance either online or in person at the firehouse on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

The town has plans for musical entertainment after the parade to be followed later in the day with fireworks.

Organizers say: "Come wear your Argyle sock, and kilt if you have one, and experience a small taste of Scotland with us!"

Again, call 518-638-8667 with questions.

Funding for Bancroft

Assemblywoman Carrie Wornner announced earlier this month that over \$350,000 in construction awards will be directed to two public libraries in the district she represents in Washington and Saratoga counties. These construction awards are being distributed to the community through a \$14 million State Budget capital fund appropriation. The fund was established in an effort to support construction and reno-

vation of public libraries and library systems throughout the state. The Southern Adirondack Library System, which encompasses both Washington and Saratoga counties, received almost \$400,000 in construction awards.

The following projects were approved in the 113th Assembly District:

- \$14,231.00 for Bancroft Public Library to replace six single-pane windows will be re-

placed to improve energy efficiency and well as minor masonry work will be performed at one window opening.

- \$337,500.00 for Stillwater Public Library to purchase a former factory to use as a new building.

More than half of New York State's public libraries are over 60 years old. Library construction grants allow these vital organizations to address their aging infrastructure.

Co-Op to close 9/18-26 amid renovations

The Cambridge Food Co-op is finishing the last leg of its NYS Main Street Grant renovation project. At the end of September, the store will temporarily close to allow the interior to be repainted and for new flooring to be installed. View cambridgefoodcoop.com/2021-renovation-schedule for the most up-to-date timeline of the renovation schedule, but tentatively, the store will be closed on Saturday, September 18 and reopen a

week later on Sunday, September 26.

Prior to the temporary closure, the store will hold a sale on its fridge and freezer items (while supplies last): Roundhouse frozen pizzas, local and imported cheeses, organic and local frozen meats, local ice creams, frozen gluten free bread products, raviolis, and more. Stay tuned for more information on our fridge and freezer blowout sale.

The Cambridge Food Co-op is a locally-owned grocery store that focuses on providing the community access to wholesome foods, many of which are local, regional, and/or organic. It also sells bulk coffees, teas, spices, flours, and grains. Everyone is welcome to shop at the Co-op! The Co-op is located at One West Main Street, Cambridge, NY. www.cambridgefoodcoop.com. 518-677-5731.

Chamber Music Series returns to Courthouse

The Historic Salem Courthouse will host its annual fall music event on Sunday, September 26, beginning at 3pm. A classical chamber music program will include major works by Johannes Brahms, Maurice Ravel and the Czech composer, Bohoslav Mastinu. Featured artists are pianist and series director, Daniel Shulman; violinist Kaori Washiyama and cellist Maxine Neumann.

Brahms, renowned for his chamber works, is represented by the Cello Sonata in E Minor, Op.38, music written when the still-young composer was on the threshold of acclaim. In a cello sonata, Brahms, the ever-passionate Romantic, pays heartfelt tribute to an earlier artistic era, the baroque.

Maurice Ravel's virtuoso essay for the violin, "Tzigane", evokes the sounds and emotions of the gypsy music of eastern Europe. His thorough and sophisticated understanding of instrumental techniques is brought to bear with full force in the writing for the soloist. The music can

be performed with orchestra or, as it will be at the Courthouse, with piano accompaniment.

An authentic east-European composer, Bohoslav Martinu, wrote his music in the mid twentieth century, often employing the then-popular neo-classical style. He is represented by a duo for the infrequently heard combination of violin and cello alone, colorful music of rhythmic vitality and distinctly personal.

Kaori Washiyama, featured violinist, is an award-winning performer with faculty positions and numerous concert engagements in her native Japan, in Europe and on both US coasts to her credit. Currently she teaches at Bennington College. Cellist Maxine Neumann is a founding-director of several ensembles, member of a number of college faculties and well-known for her activities in our region, including long-standing participation in the annual Bennington Chamber Music Conference. Daniel Shulman has held major teaching positions as director of orchestra and chamber music coor-

ordinator in the US and in Japan, and is a founder of several well-regarded chamber music organizations. The Historic Salem Courthouse is located at 58 E Broadway, Salem, NY. Tickets (\$20) will be available at the door.



Daniel Shulman and Kaori Washiyama

Bottomless chili bowl

Bottomless bowls of a wide variety of homemade chili and chowder will be served hot — on location. Or you may order by take-out.

The United Methodist Church is hosting a Chili and Chowder Supper on Saturday, September 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. at their location at 47 Main St., Hartford, NY.

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Under a full sky

Teresa M. King
Journal & Press

I sit at the end of a grass runway at a small airstrip in Cambridge, NY. The weather is perfect, sunny, 72 degrees, with low humidity and a light breeze. I am alone enjoying the open space in front of me and above me. I came here for 2 reasons: one reason was to find out if they will be having their annual fly-in this year, which usually falls around my birthday. I was very happy to learn that Aviation Day at Chapin Field will be on Sat., October 9. The second reason why I came to the airport is to write. The sky has significant meaning for me because it is where I was the happiest, when I took flying lessons and learned that I had more courage than I ever dreamed possible.

As crazy as this sounds, when I flew, I felt like I owned a piece of the sky. Whenever I heard a plane fly overhead, at home, I had to run out and look at it. The sound of it ignited my soul and filled me with immense joy. Taking flying lessons expanded me on the deepest levels.

When I practiced stalls and had to pull back on the yoke, it was not

an easy thing for me to do. I worked muscles I didn't know I had. When I did them, I felt hot adrenaline course through my arms. It was scary but my instructor told me, that there wasn't anything I could do to the plane, that he couldn't undo. This statement resulted in me having 200% trust in him. So, I pulled back, felt the adrenaline rush through and when the nose dropped and the plane righted itself, I never felt more alive in my life. To this day, decades later, nothing has ever come close to it!

I developed a relationship with the sky. But what preceded this was the realization that I needed more in my life. I was not a happy camper, despite the fact that from the outside, it looked like I had

'There are moments when we are forced to pay attention to large, inconvenient truths.'

everything I could want. There are moments in one's life when we are forced to pay attention to large, inconvenient truths. This was one of mine.



This unhappiness came with me on a family vacation. While exploring the area on a rainy day in the Adirondacks, we discovered a man who owned seaplanes. We went up for a scenic flight over lakes, mountains and trees. During this 17 minute flight, time stopped for me. Even sound disappeared. I was left with an experience

that turned me inside out. I had no idea what to do with it. One thing was certain; it could not be ignored.

Because I acknowledged my unhappiness and honored something that stirred me to my core, I was led to a life-altering experience that expanded me and brought me great joy! At home, whenever I heard Tom Cochrane's song "Life is a Highway," I danced with abandon in my living room. I took my small children to the airport for a picnic. Why would anyone want to be anywhere else? I couldn't imagine.

This fire in my soul gave me a new inner strength and helped me to see my enormous need for freedom. It has helped me to honor the

parts of myself that don't fit into society's neat little boxes of "normal," "traditional" or "conventional." I know that I need a lot of open space. I know that I can not thrive in anything that feels like a box. I honor these things. I give myself the freedom not to expend any of my energy worrying about what others think, because I know that their response to my actions is more about them than me.

What has the sky ignited in me today? Peace and contentment because I paid attention to an inconvenient truth and did something about it. It has made all the difference in the world.

What do you need to do, to honor your soul?

Teresa King facilitates The Women's Sanctuary, a monthly circle in Greenwich. She can be reached at teresaking1@live.com or at thelargerpicture.com.



Salem Dem event

Meet your Salem neighbors at a Community Celebration Saturday, September 18, from 4:30-7:30 pm at the Fairweather Gallery in the Barn, 135 Blind Buck Road, Salem. Special guest will be 113 District Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. The free event will feature music by Flight Risk, picnic fare and a silent auction. Proceeds and donations will support the election of dedicated Democratic candidates for Salem town offices. The event is sponsored by the Salem Democratic Committee. For more information, contact Jay Bellanca, 518-854-9729, jvbellanca@gmail.com.

From popcorn to pies, a fair success story

Haleigh Eustis
Journal & Press

In a sit-down interview, I was fortunate enough to speak with Michael Snell about his recent business endeavors. Within the last few years; his fair vending business has boomed and he was excited to share the news. Starting back in 1983, Snell explained that business partner, Larry Wilbur, and his mother, Betty, had created his popcorn and pie company, which sold at mostly fairs, including the recent ones in Washington County and Schaghticoke. For years they worked together and created a company called Song and Dance Ranch. Larry took on Snell's help a few years back, and since then, Larry has stepped down and has let Snell run the business by himself, with the help of family and friends.

Selling primarily popcorn, Snell was excited to inform me about the launching of their delicious pies this season, including various appetizing flavors. Some include, but are not limited to: apple, blueberry, strawberry and "fruit of



the forest." In our conversation, Snell explained that this year was extremely exciting for his family-owned business, as they have invested in a trailer to take their business on the road. What once took eighteen hours to set up to start the day, now takes no longer than twenty minutes with their trailer. Not only does this make setup time exponentially shorter, but allows them to become a vendor at the fair.

For Michael, his passion for selling these goods wasn't immediate. Before his company, Snell was a member of the military, and expressed his gratitude and passion for it. Unfortunately, Snell has stepped down from the military, and has undergone various brain surgeries, and has battled with PTSD. Explaining that this had taken quite a toll, Snell began searching for a new passion in a very unlikely area. Selling his goods at the fair wasn't a career path he had expected, but the outcome from his work is what makes it worth every second. Explaining that, "These fairs, helping people ... that's what makes me happy. That's why I enjoy this." Snell's passion is clearly evident and his appreciation for his friends and



family along this journey is abundant.

Between the help of setting up their trailer on the fairgrounds, to his beloved workers putting in hours of work during the fair, he showed extreme appreciation for the efforts of his staff. Snell is grateful for every act of kindness that was put into the process of the business and informed me that owners of Northern Cross Vineyard and Curtis Farms, two small owned businesses, aided the journey of Snell's work.

Michael Snell hopes to continue his business furthermore, as his goal is to bring joy and happiness to all fairgoers. He continues to build his business and praises his workers while hoping his story inspires many others. There will always be light and the end of the tunnel, and Michael Snell's goal is to spread that idea through his passion for popcorn and pies!

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Elsasser's at One One One to open 10/1

Cara Granata
Journal & Press

Downtown Greenwich is undeniably an up and coming area with businesses lining both sides of the street. Recently a new establishment has opened. Elsasser's at One One One on Main Street is owner Christopher Bischoff's new wine and cocktail bar that offers "Food, Wine, and Warmth" in the comfort of the 166 year old corner building's cozy antique lounge. Patrons are served an educational wine and beverage experience paired with a rural, rustic flatbread called Flammkuchen, a classic dish native to France's northern Germanic wine region, Alsace.

Originally from Yonkers, Bischoff attended 7-9th grade in Cambridge. It now seems it was inevitable that he would one day return here to pursue his lifelong dream of opening a restaurant. He graduated from New York Military Academy, and worked over 30 years in food hospitality around the globe. His humble beginnings allowed him to climb his way up the industry ladder, from small diner service to the most renowned restaurants of New York City and Los Angeles, such as Nobu 57 and The Oak Room at Plaza Hotel, eventually landing a role as Sommelier at the Michelin Star Indian Restaurant,

Junoon.

In 2012, Christopher moved to Germany, where he reacquainted himself with his German heritage and his passion for wine. In Dettelbach, he enjoyed working in the vineyards at the Weingut Knauer winery before moving to Berlin to study German.

While living mostly in Astoria, Bischoff has continuously visited upstate New York, even performing as the bugler at Saratoga's racetrack in 1996, before officially making the move when COVID-19 hit the city. Though this is his first time fully owning a restaurant in the area, Christopher has had a notable impact on wine culture in the county, from his 400 grapevines planted on a farm in Jackson, NY, to working alongside Loic Nguyen building the wine list at Saratoga Adelpi's Blue Hen, and mentoring other budding sommeliers and wine professionals. Elsasser's at One One One will showcase Bischoff's broadened wine expertise, offering Germanic wine styles from Northern France to the Black Sea, as well as a complete list of wines found in the Finger Lakes and Niagara regions here in New York State. Bischoff strives to find the best classic examples of a wine's style while making his wine lists monetarily approachable and enjoyable.

Chris, also an accomplished actor and musician, is a very passionate person with big dreams. He compares the connection felt through performing for an audience to serving his restaurant's patrons: "When a dining room or bar is electric, it is akin to a stage performance... only the audience is sitting to eat and drink... and the entertainment is food and wine!" He plans to combine these passions, offering live music in the lounge.

Elsasser's at One One One will celebrate its grand opening on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Bischoff states he is starting small and allowing this concept to grow, eventually expanding the menu curated by Helen McIntosh, the famous local Farm to Table Chef known for her recipes at Sweet Beet Bistro and June Farms, to include other Germanic dishes such as




cabbage, bratwursts, pates, and cheese boards. He will also add Germanic beers to the growing beverage list and invite patrons for a "9 O'Clock Night Cap", dropping a dollar off all after dinner drinks. His dream continues to expand with the help of his locally staffed kitchen of Greenwich High School students and the support of his fellow

business owners on Main Street, such as Liv Thygesen of Sip and Swirl and Sammy Becker of Cloud 9 Coffee Shop who could be found

dining at Elsasser's during the restaurant's soft opening. Until its grand opening next month, the restaurant is open Wednesday through Monday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and take out is available through the website, www.elsassers111.com for the best quality food, as local as possible.

'When a dining room is electric, it is akin to a stage performance.'

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Greenwich football poised for great year

Evan Felicetti
Journal & Press

The change from summer to fall signals many things. Falling leaves, cooler temperatures, and even the inevitable march towards the holiday season. Of course, this change also means the beginning of school, often to the dismay of students, and relief of parents. However, perhaps the most exciting part of this season change can be summed up in three words: High School Football. Out of the many teams in Section 2, one team in our very own backyard seems poised to take on all challengers, the Greenwich Witches. The Witches had a great season last year by all accounts, finishing with some large-margin victories over schools such as Chatham, Voorheesville, and Stillwater, just to name a few. Led by head coach Brandon Linnett, the Witches made the most of the shortened Fall II season, and had to be adaptable to playing football in the spring, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This season has started off with a bang, as Greenwich has already taken home wins in their first two games. The Witches notched a rousing 54-0 home victory over Cohoes on 9/10. Friday night's game against Cohoes was the first home game of 2021 for the Witches, and it surely did not disappoint. Like last season, Greenwich's offense was highly powered, and on full display for the home opener. Returning starting Quarterback Jesse Kuzmich put together an impressive per-

formance, throwing 3 touchdowns, and was 5 for 6 in pass completions, for a total of 104 yards through the air. Kuzmich, who is also a starting pitcher for the Witches Varsity baseball team, enters his senior season ready to lead his squad to victory. Kuzmich wasn't the only Witch to be a high-impact player on Friday night, however. Receiver Tyler Day also had an impressive showing, catching Kuzmich's first two passes on the day, and notched the first touchdown for Greenwich.

A victory this resounding wouldn't be complete however, without the impressive contribution of Greenwich's rush attack. Running back Matthew Conlin had 6 carries on the day,

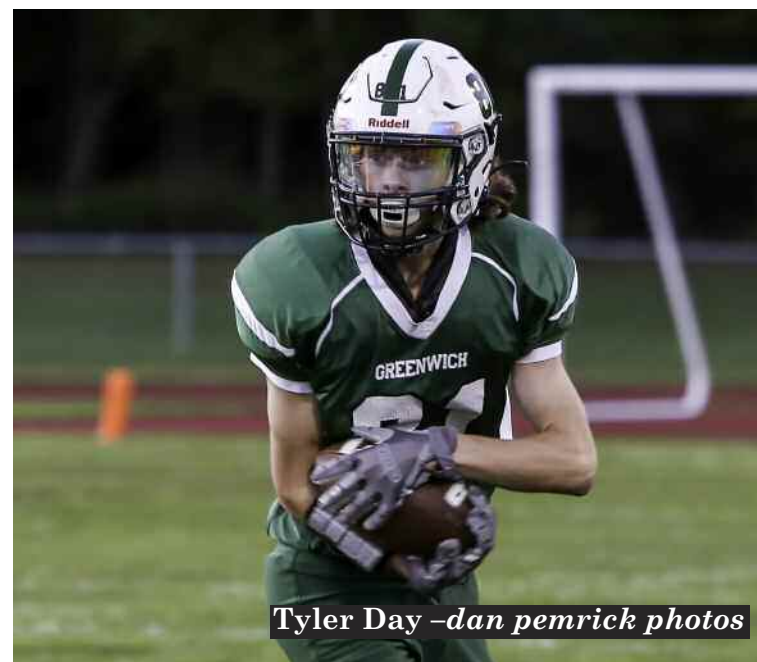
'The Witches ran onto the field carrying 13 American flags.'

reason why the Witches are hard to stop. The team plays fundamentally sound football, and displays an excellent level of cohesion on the field. For a ground game to be truly effective, the blocking must be up to par. It certainly was against Cohoes, with notable blocking contributions from players such as Ethan Banfield. Certainly not to be overlooked either is the Greenwich defense. What makes the defense so impressive (and the team as a whole so impressive), is that many members of the Witches are two-way players. To have multiple consecutive weeks of zero points allowed shows the level of emphasis that the coaching staff puts on having a tight defensive unit. While defensive shutouts are nothing new for this team, they must be properly appreciated. Keeping any team to zero points is difficult and is a true achievement.

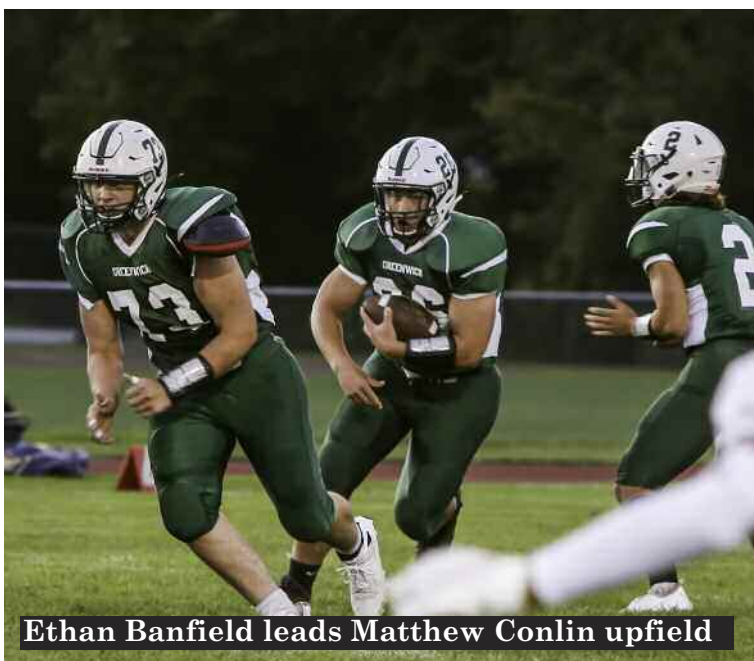
The biggest highlight of the game actually came before a single ball was snapped, nor a single whistle blown. Before kickoff, the Witches ran onto the field carrying 13 American flags, in a wonderful moment of patriotism and respect. The flags were carried to honor the brave men and women in uniform who have been lost during the War in Afghanistan, as well as to pay tribute to



Jesse Kuzmich



Tyler Day - dan pemrick photos



Ethan Banfield leads Matthew Conlin upfield

9/11. As we have just marked the 20th Anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11, this was an important and fitting way for Greenwich to honor the memory of those whom we have lost.

Upcoming for the Witches will be a 9/17 road game against divisional opponent Stillwater, followed by another divisional matchup against Cambridge/Salem on 9/25, in Cambridge.

Win or lose, every high school team in the state is just happy to be playing football again. Hopefully, this return to the game will invigorate each player to leave it all on the field, and play with no regrets.

Greenwich Super is overstating culvert issue

To the Editor:

Let's have some clarity regarding our NY Bridge Grant and overage costs. We were part of this process. Let's look at the facts and enter them into the record.

On April 19, 2019, The Greenwich Town Council voted unanimously to sign a contract with the NYS Dept of Transportation for the purpose of replacing culverts on Ferguson and Christie Roads. The project was funded by a NY Bridge grant for \$1.7 M. The bid came in at \$1,702,930.00. The grant was reimbursable, which means the Town was required to pay up front and the \$1.7 Million would be paid back to the Town upon completion of the project.

The contract stipulated that the "Town of Greenwich shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of the NY Bridge Funding awarded to the Town of Greenwich." Any amount over the \$1.7 Million would, of course, be covered by the Town.

The Council was in agreement that as both culverts were in desperate need of replacement, postponing the work would leave the Town in a precarious position. The Town did not have such a large sum in its budget for the project, so it was worthwhile to enter into the grant agreement with NYS DOT. The NY Bridge grants are designed to provide support to municipalities to keep our bridges and culverts well maintained and safe. This was a perfect match.

Between the beginning of the contract and now, we were struck with the COVID pandemic, the economic impact of which continues. On March 11, 2021, The American Rescue Plan was signed into law specif-

ically to assist municipalities burdened with negative effects such as the one we were feeling. NYS received \$12.7Billion, funds that are intended to help municipalities recover from the pandemic.

Since the original bid in 2019, the cost of the project increased by \$341,931.17, an excellent example of increased costs because of the COVID pandemic. Supervisor Ward would have you believe that it was his persistence that inspired the Department of Transportation to pony

'Ward would have you believe it was his persistence that inspired the DOT to pony up \$342K.'

up and cover the \$341,931.17. He was there to receive the money, but the truth is, ARPA money is targeted for this kind of thing and is there for the asking. His role was less than he's portraying and the ability to convince NYS DOT to cover the overage is above his pay grade.

Sara Idleman, Former Town of Greenwich Supervisor, 2010-2019

Stan Mattison, Former Town of Greenwich Superintendent of Highways, 2011-2020; Town of Greenwich Highway, 2000-2010

The Buck Stops at Library

To the Editor:

Town public libraries are a great and valued resource for the varied services they offer and provide to the community they serve. As Assemblywoman Woerner noted in a recent article, most if not all, public libraries faced operating/functioning and funding issues as they adjusted to the pandemic mandates. Library

Boards serve with distinction and gratitude of the community they serve. But not all libraries are funded the same as town public libraries.

As you may be aware public libraries are not required to file IRS form 990 as are libraries that are organized as non-profit organizations are required to file. I am sure that library boards desire to adhere to fiscal and proper monetary policies, public or as a 501c3 nonprofit Greenwich Free Library. As a 501c3 organization the Greenwich Free Library must file annually an IRS form 990. In the 4 November 2020 Greenwich Town Board meeting minutes, it became apparent that the Greenwich

Free Library had filed inaccurate IRS form 990s for 5 years or more. As in public library bylaws the library board president is ultimately responsible for supervision and proper oversight for all revenue and expenditures of the library and with developing a responsible budget. A

'The community deserves a library that's fiscally and responsibly managed.'

non-profit 501c3 organized library should be no different. Each community should have confidence in their taxpayer supported library. Greenwich's library is funded by a school tax levy, village and town contributions/donations, grants, and other donations/fund raising. The Greenwich community deserves a library that is fiscally and responsibly managed that continues to provide outstanding library services. Is it proper

for a School Board President who is responsible for the school tax levy also serve as library board president for which the school tax is levied? We truly need the Greenwich Free Library to continue to provide library services to the Greenwich community. Is it time to have a single taxing entity such as the GCS school tax levy to fund the library needs or do we continue having three taxing entities fund the library? The GCS Library Tax levy is a voter supported tax while the village and town are donations/contributions that can fluctuate each year. Perhaps it is time to have the GCS Library Tax levy with a larger tax base solely meet the funding needs of Greenwich Free Library?

Louis J. Leone

Greenwich, NY

Town Assessments

To the Editor

The assessment of our homes is something every homeowner in our Town has a big stake in. It is the figure that drives our taxes. Consequently, Greenwich residents deserve accuracy, transparency, and a clear understanding of how the process works and how their property's market value is determined. As it is, how property assessment works in Greenwich is a dark mystery and the Town needs to make it more transparent.

To begin with, the Town's website "explains" the process merely by defining what the Assessor does in broad terms. Beyond the job description, there no explanation of how assessments of market value are made or can be checked for accuracy.

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It is difficult to find even a rough timeline of the release of the assessment roll or when residents should expect assessments. We are also not told in that “no news is good news”. If you do not receive a revised assessment, it means that there is no change. Anyone who did not get a letter is left anxiously wondering if or when that shoe will drop. The website does not make this or other important information easy for residents to access or understand.

Information from our Assessor and other Town Officials is equally unenlightening and frustrating. At the May Town Board meeting, Assessor Colleen Adamec stated that the first “tentative”

roll was released on May 1st along with mailings notifying any changes to property assessments. Prior to Grievance Day in late May, she merely reported that she had received “a few calls and inquiries” from the public. We got no information about how many objections were received, what the dollar value of the objections were or the potential impact on the taxes of homeowners. Greenwich residents want to know what is happening that will affect our taxes and we should be informed about what our Town Officials are doing and how our neighbors are being treated.

Town Supervisor Don Ward also provides less than helpful comments. Referencing the Board of Assessment Review (BAR), he reported he had “attended several presentations to the Board for

reduction in property assessments. The petitioners were respectful in their presentations. BAR members were diligent in their questions and attentive to the petitioners. The BAR will meet this week to review the requests and make their decisions regarding the assessments.” His comments told us nothing about the accuracy of assessments, how many were upheld or changed, or how the BAR justifies its determinations.

Greenwich residents deserve to know how our assessment process works and have assurance that the process is fair and accurately calculated. Our current Town leaders have failed on both counts.

Audrey Fischer

Greenwich, NY

Dealing with an “unfair” workplace

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *The management in my company says noble statements but acts in the opposite way. The reality is the employees that have to implement these goals end up suffering. How can I make my company's management accountable to do what they promise?*

A: The public relations statements of any organization and the actual behavior of management are rarely the same. Noble sentiments are stock and trade for showing consumers and potential employees what the company management believes will sell products and the workplace.

As your mother probably warned you, “The world is not fair.” The older you get and the longer you work in business the more you will learn the truth within your mom's advice.

You cannot demand fairness from the world or your company but you can work hard to respond in ways that create peace for you in your role within the company.

Obviously there are times when there are malicious or nefarious policies within your workplace that make you unable to sleep at night. When there is a significant clash between your values and your job then polishing your resume and moving to a new job is prudent. Quitting in a huff and making it harder for you to get an-

other job is not your best move.

If you go to war with your management over the conflict between what they say and what they do realize this is a war you're unlikely to win. If you do good work every day and benefit your customers and team members you have lots of power to implement your own brand of nobility.

A great deal of contentment in our work is our realistic assessment of what we can influence and change and what is not within our control. If we cannot accurately determine the difference between these two arenas we'll experience a great deal of suffering with zero improvement on the problem we're upset about.

If you can see that many governments, companies, and individuals may have good intentions but still behave badly then you can decide more effectively how to react. Obviously if you have to pick between what people say and what people do always, always, always trust behavior over words.

The world may not be ideal and the business world has many flaws generated by people that do not have empathy or see the “we” in “me.” You have every right to be upset that the world you hoped you would work within is not the world you discover in a long career.

However, you still have great power to make a contribution where you do what you say, where

you leave people you work with better than you found them, and where you get great value out of your career. You will more easily make this contribution if you are not fighting wars you cannot win.

Insisting on fairness in an unfair world is not the hill you want your career to die on. Creating fairness through your own behavior and being the change you wish to see in your industry has much more power and influence

The last word(s)

Q: *I work with a female co-worker who seeks out every opportunity to hurt my feelings. Even when I tell her I'm upset she just escalates. Is there a better strategy to get her to leave me alone?*

A: Yes, human sharks are attracted to bleeding. Stop letting her know she is upsetting you, look blankly at her, and walk away and don't reward her by letting her see you're hurt.

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RC churches update

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM and St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM. Weekday Mass is at 9 AM on Tuesdays at Holy Cross and Wednesdays at St. Patrick's. Masks are required inside the Church. The Altar Rosary of Holy Cross will be hosting a coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Sunday, September 19 is Catechetical Sunday to recognize those who serve as catechists as the Priest commissions their ministry with a blessing. At Holy Cross, families are invited to enroll in an exciting new program: Growing Up Catholic Faith Stories. It is a story based approach that focuses

on the core of the Catholic faith and provides parents to share their faith with their children. It will meet once a month and will be bilingual. Alternatively, all sessions can be done at home. More information and registration forms are available in church or at www.battenkillcatholic.org. Please register by September 19. Contact maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org for more information.

Mass is still available on YouTube from St. Joseph's in Greenwich at 10 AM and can be accessed at www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies. A great deal of information of the local churches is always available and updated at www.battenkillcatholic.org.

Historian visits Salem

Recently the Salem Area Woman's Club met in the Mackenzie Chapel of the Salem First United Presbyterian Church on West Broadway. The opening Tea was hosted by Chairman Mary Talmadge, with assistance from Judy Kempf, Pat Phillips, Kathy Rapp and Kay Tomasi.

After a brief meeting President Andi Mungas introduced Historian Debi Craig who presented "Through Susan's Eyes: Susan B. Anthony's Childhood in Washington County, NY." The lecture was a retrospective on the nineteen years Anthony's family lived in the hamlet of Battenville in the Town of Greenwich on the Batten Kill. Many of the events that formed Susan's thoughts about women's suffrage were developed in this little settlement during her childhood and young adulthood. The influ-

ence on Susan's life by her Quaker heritage and the Anthony, Reed and McLean families was highlighted. In her PowerPoint presentation Debi included photos of the newly restored outside of the Battenville house, interior scenes, as well the numerous sites in Greenwich, Easton, Jackson and Cambridge that involved the Anthony family.



Debi Craig and
Lois Sheaff

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Now's a good time to look at your policy

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

The Caldor Fire, Hurricane Ida, and numerous other climate events should serve as a wake-up call to all of us -- everyone should claw through their files to review their homeowners and rental insurance policies. I published a lot of this information after previous storms but have updated it and divided it into what you should do before and after a disaster.

BEFORE

-- Locate your property and casualty insurance policies. If you have physical contracts, ask the company or agent for a digital version that you can access easily from anyone's computer. While you're at it, do the same for all your estate or other important documents, in case you need to access them, and you are out of your home for a while.

-- Know what's in the policy. Most insurance policies cover structural and water damage in limited circumstances, like when a falling tree knocks a hole in a roof or breaks a window, allowing rain to fall inside. The majority do not cover damages that result from rising water unless the homeowner lives in a designated flood zone and has purchased insurance through the federal government's National Flood Insurance Program.

-- Take photos, while the weather is clear. Given the increase in climate events, take a set of photos of your home and maintain a list of its contents. Doing so makes the process of filing future insurance claims a lot easier.

AFTER

-- Take photos and list damaged or lost items. The list should include the date of purchase, value, and receipts, if possible.

-- Report the claim quickly. Insurance companies usually respond on a first come, first served basis. Once reported, be sure to get your claim number and write it down.

-- Avoid making permanent repairs. If you need to make temporary repairs to prevent further damage to your property, inform the insurance company. But don't do anything big until the insurance company has inspected the property and you have agreed on the cost of repairs.

-- Meet with the adjuster. The insurance company will send either one of its own adjusters or an independent one, who will survey the damage. Be sure to ask if the adjuster is authorized to make claim decisions and payments on behalf of the company. If the adjuster is independent, ask for the name of the in-house company adjuster who will review your information.

-- Don't be hasty with first offer. All settlement offers from insurance companies can be negotiated, so don't go nuts when you first review the adjuster's written assessment of the

damage. Additionally, avoid cashing or depositing the insurance company's check until you review the full report and agree with all items and costs. Adjusters should account for regional differences in the cost of materials and contractors, but if they don't, make a case for a higher amount. If you see a problem, return the first check and request that the adjuster revise the report, then request a check from the insurance company for the correct cost of the damage.

-- Be careful with contractors. Whether you use an insurance company's approved contractor or hire your own, be sure to secure references and evidence of insurance.

-- Create a paper trail. In addition to calling, register all complaints in writing -- the more specific, the better. If problems persist, contact your state's insurance commissioner. Keep working the process-it can take patience and persistence, but ultimately, you must be your own advocate.

-- Keep track of Uncle Sam's Help. DisasterAssistance.gov will provide details about direct government support for victims and the IRS provides guidance and updates for disaster victims.

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'Pioneering Women in America'

The Washington County Historical Society will present their first program for Fall 2021 on Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m., titled "Pioneering Women in America" by author Lisa Y. Potocar.

The times around and especially during the American Civil War forced women to pioneer their way into roles previously reserved for men. Lisa will present how lives were changed forever when women bravely stepped outside their traditional roles as wives and mothers. The presentation is based on Lisa's research for her book *Train to Glory*.

The program will be held at the Hebron United Presbyterian Church East at 6559 State Route 22 in East Hebron. Masks are required. The nearby Hebron District #16 One-room Schoolhouse will be open before the program. Free. Donations accepted.



Everyone's back-to-school checklist

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

It's that time of the year again. Back to school shopping, reconnecting with friends and realizing you have messed up your sleep schedule beyond repair- it's back to school! Speaking as a broke college student fresh off of a summer that contained very little preparation and putting my "if I don't understand how it works, I'll just ignore it and wait for someone to email me" philosophy in practice, I can speak from the perspective of a graduate. While I usually phone in on one specific group, I'd like to give some advice around the board today. Coming into a new school year, especially off of an unprecedented year of school closures, a pandemic and the most intense political climate in my lifetime, at least, it's going to be an adjustment for everyone involved in the "back to school" process. You're probably thinking, "why are you qualified to give this advice?" To that I'd like to say, I've taken a whopping two days of education classes and my "experience with children" is 18 years of watching myself grow up, and he was a lot to handle, trust me.

To the students:

Everyone is Anxious - Remember that those back to school nerves are completely normal, and everyone around is probably feeling the same way.

Spend Time with Friends - Luckily, we're living in a digital age with our friends at our disposal whenever we want, and I'm fortunate to still be in

really close contact with all of my friends spread across New York state. That being said, not having everyone 20 minutes away from my house is weird.

Appreciate Google Classroom - You stupid child. If you think Classroom is bad, wait until you're trying to understand Canvas.

To the teachers:

They're Nervous - Remember that these kids are probably a nervous wreck going back to school, and they're going to need time to adjust. Many of them haven't even set foot in a school since March 2020, and this is just like starting Kindergarten all over again.

Push Some Group Work - Speaking as someone who has tried to make conversation with a lot of new people I'm meeting lately, and someone who has met several people who cannot hold up a conversation, it's become obvious that lockdown killed some social skills. I know some students might kill me for saying this, but some group work or interaction might not hurt.

Keep the Legacy - I know I'm near impossible to replace, so to all my former teachers, don't forget the great CF, and remind your students of my time there and how they could never live up.

To the parents:

Chardonnay

Riesling

Pinot Noir

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Pinot Grigio

Zinfandel

To the college freshmen:

Don't Obsess Over Making Friends - Be natural. Friendships don't happen because you forced them to happen. You'll find your group even if that takes a few days.

Don't Be Intimidated - Your college professors are people too, and you shouldn't let them intimi-

date you. At the end of the day, it isn't life or death and you shouldn't spend your college experience worrying about grades or impressing someone.

Read the Stairs - If a hallway contains a women's bathroom and a staircase and the sign says "Women's / Stairs," that means a bathroom and staircase exist in that hallway. It does NOT mean that "Women's Stairs" is saying that your college has segregated their staircases and you need to walk around upset about their very sexist stair policy as you prance the hall looking for a men's staircase. This is a hypothetical situation and not at all one that happened to me.

To the COVID deniers:

Take Down Your Lawn Signs - If you unironically have been campaigning "Unmask Our Children," please know you are the lowest form of life in existence.

Get Your Shot - Children are going back to school and naturally are going to be more exposed to each other. I'm pausing my joke column and typical snarky approach to these topics to say my patience has run thin, amongst many others. You're holding us back, getting people killed and it is wholly your fault. Your ego is not more important than the lives of those around you, and the *children* around you. We're entering a time where kids are going to need your cooperation the most, and you need to get on it. Stop thinking I'm not talking to YOU, or calling YOU out. If you're unvaccinated, I am 100% talking to YOU, and YOU should be ashamed of yourself.

There you have it. This year is naturally going to be an adjustment for everyone, but if we put our heads together, stay positive and walk right past the women's bathroom and up those stairs, we've got this.

Cody Fitzgerald is a 2021 Schuylerville High School grad satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers, he hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



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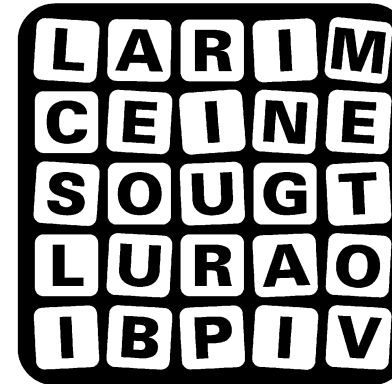
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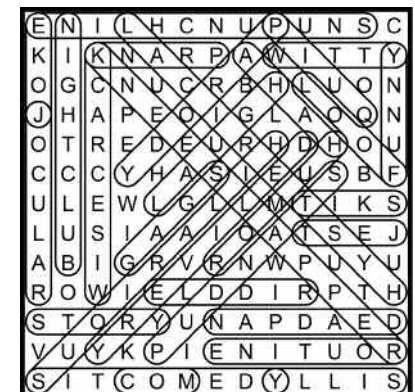
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In need of a vacuum and wash machine

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from late Septembers decades ago:

100 Years Ago
September 18, 1921

The regular September meeting of the Washington County Home for Aged Women was held Tuesday, September 13. The towns of Granville, Greenwich, Fort Ann, Fort Edward, Hebron, Cambridge, Easton and Salem were represented. ... The house committee reported the need of an electric sweeper, which the Home has never possessed. A committee was named to purchase one, also an electric washing machine and mangle.

80 Years Ago
September 10, 1941

The Greenwich Post Office building authorized a couple of years ago is one of 17 similar federal projects in New York state which have been deferred in favor of defense work. It is generally expected that the letting of the contract for the \$70,000 building here will go over until the end of the war. ... In January 1940 a deal was finally arranged for the purchase from Jerome Wright of Cambridge of the Green-Witch Inn property on Main Street, including the old Looker house adjoining it and the former Crandell property. The purchase was completed, but nothing further took place. The buildings on the property are still standing.

60 Years Ago
September 27, 1961

Walter Campbell, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Campbell of 34 Washington St., Greenwich, received injuries Friday afternoon when he darted into the path of a car driven by Lathrop Chase of Greenwich. ... He was knocked down and received contusions, bruises, lacerations and a mild fracture of the left arm near the shoulder. Dr. R. Leith Skinner treated the boy at the scene and ordered him removed to the Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge. ... Twenty stitches were required to close cuts sustained by Nicky Palmucci of Mechanicville when he fell one day last week while playing on school property in Mechanicville. The youngster went home after his injury and was found unconscious in the bathroom by his father. ... Carole Woodard of Ticonderoga, who lost both her arms when run over by a freight train six years ago, celebrated her 8th birthday Monday. Carole returned just last week to her home after spending six weeks at the Sunnyside Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady. She is in the second grade at the Ticonderoga public school

40 Years Ago
September 17, 1981

The second annual Turning Point fair will be held this coming Saturday, Sept. 19, in downtown Schuylerville. ... Especially for the children, the day will continue with a pet show, a greased pole climb and a pie-eating contest. ... Sounds of music will come from the Schuylerville Community Theater on stage with Nazz Jazz, Kim and Susie, Tim Grolley, Danny

Mulvihill and country-blue grass with Smokey Greene.

20 Years Ago
September 20, 2001

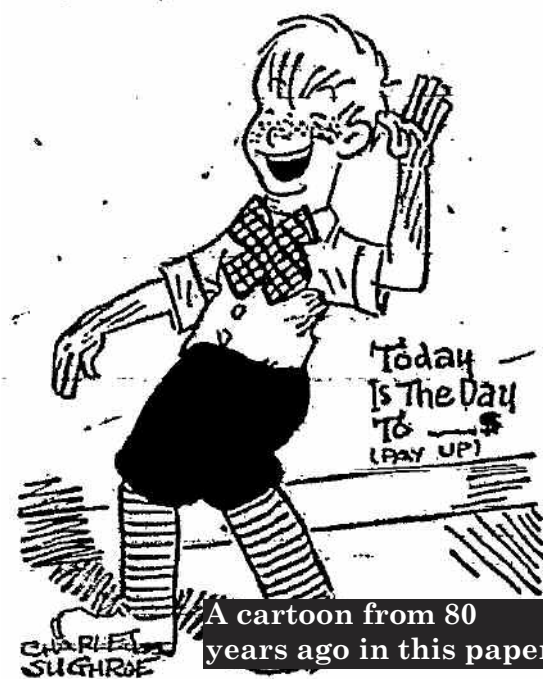
Kmart personnel held an impressive ceremony [in the wake of 9-11] at noon on Friday in their parking lot. Organized with the assistance of store manager Warren Scheidecker, the store employees and shoppers gathered outdoors in front of the store, as they held hands for a brief ceremony in token of their support, observing the National Day of Remembrance. The Greenwich firemen provided an Engine tanker attack truck and the American Legion served as Honor Guard. The ceremony began with two minutes of silence followed by singing the National Anthem. ... A box is located in the store for donations of items distributed at the site of the World Trade Center. In addition, the employees took their money that was being saved for their annual picnic to purchase water, socks, underwear and such. The sum amounted to \$300.

10 Years Ago
September 29, 2011

On Oct. 1, Downtown Greenwich merchants are putting on their Fall Festival. ... A book signing will be at Just Because with Solange Herter from noon to 2 p.m.. Her book, "No More Tiaras," is a memoir of eight decades of her life. She opened 668 Gallery in

MICKIE SAYS—

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MEAN GOTTA!*



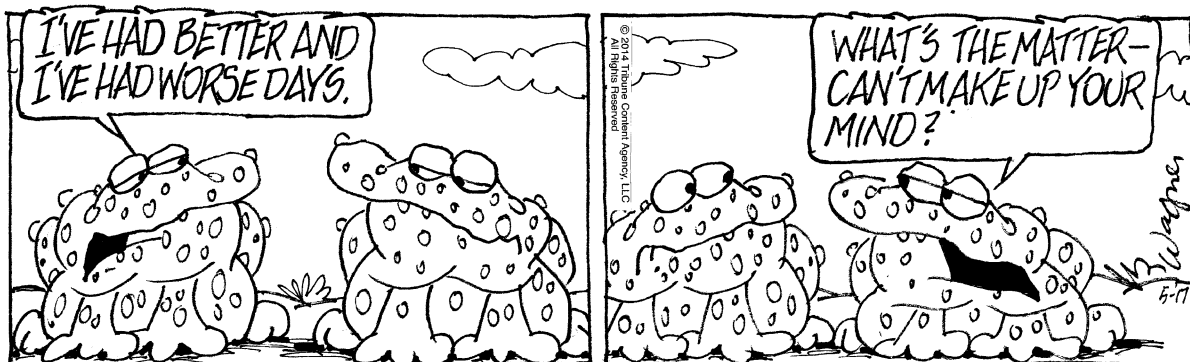
A cartoon from 80 years ago in this paper

THE GREENWICH JOURNAL

Battenville several years ago. She and her husband Fred reside in the summer. They make New York City their home in the winter. ... Also, the Greater Greenwich United Church will hold a big lawn sale offering lots of items, furniture, books and so on at very reasonable prices.

The Funny Page

Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



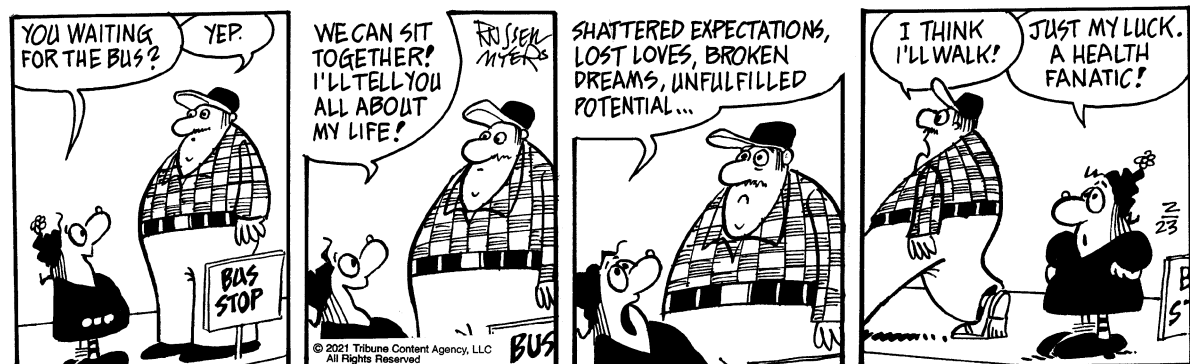
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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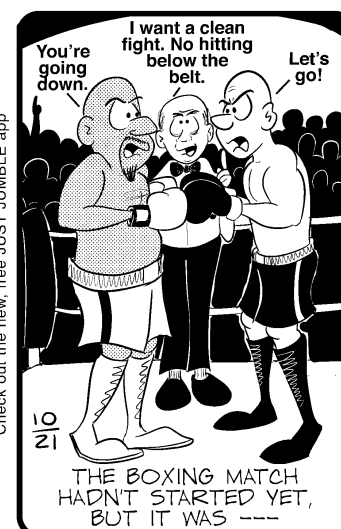


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“□ - □□□□” □□ □□□□□□

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Puzzle
Answers
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Area Events

Slate Sip & Paint

The Slate Valley Museum is welcoming back The Traveling Paints for the third session of its 2021 evening art series, Sip & Paint on Slate, Colors of the Seasons.

For the fall Sip & Paint event, participants will create a colorful autumn scene with a covered bridge on a Slate Valley red roofing tile. Attendees will be led by an instructor from The Traveling Paints in creating their own version of the featured painting, all while sipping and enjoying the company of other painters.

The event will be held on Friday, October 1 from 7-9pm at the Museum. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are \$40 per person and include all art materials, one beverage ticket, and light snacks. Drinks will include wine and a selection of non-alcoholic options. Anyone planning to consume alcoholic beverages should come prepared to show valid ID.

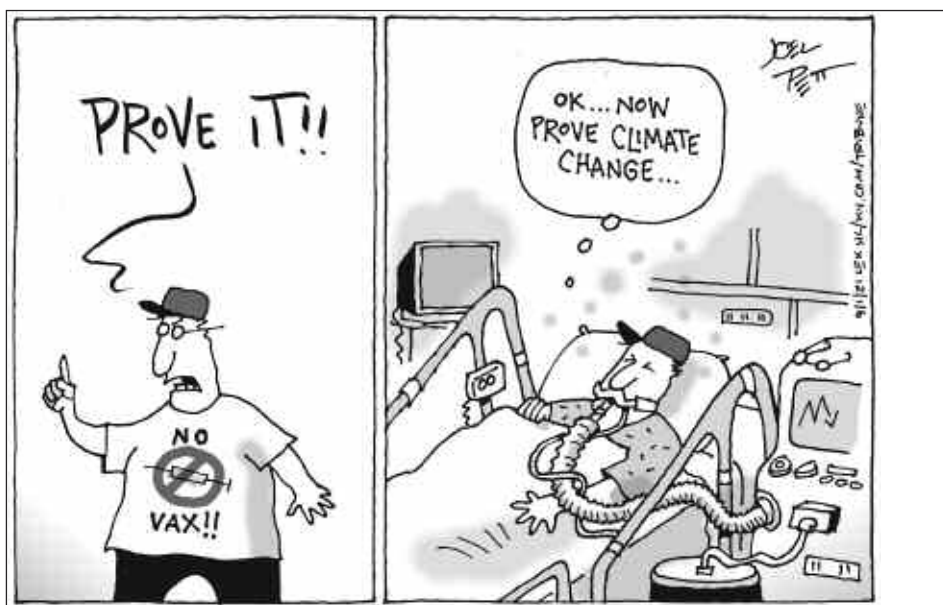
Space is limited. Those interested in registering can visit the Museum's website at www.SlateValleyMuseum.org, locate the event on the calendar, and download a registration form. You can also call the Museum at 518-642-1417 or email Wendy at associate@slatevalleymuseum.org.



What you will make

An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



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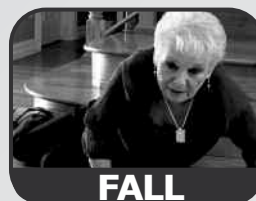
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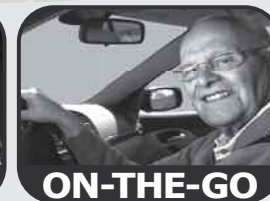
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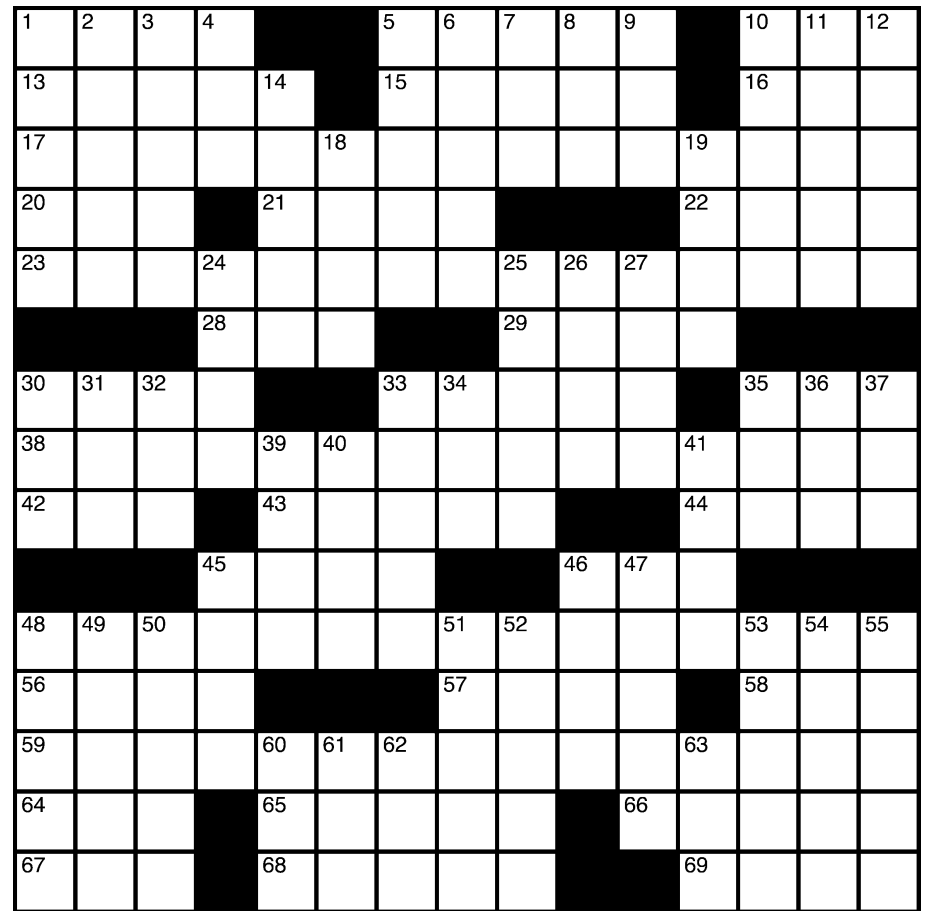
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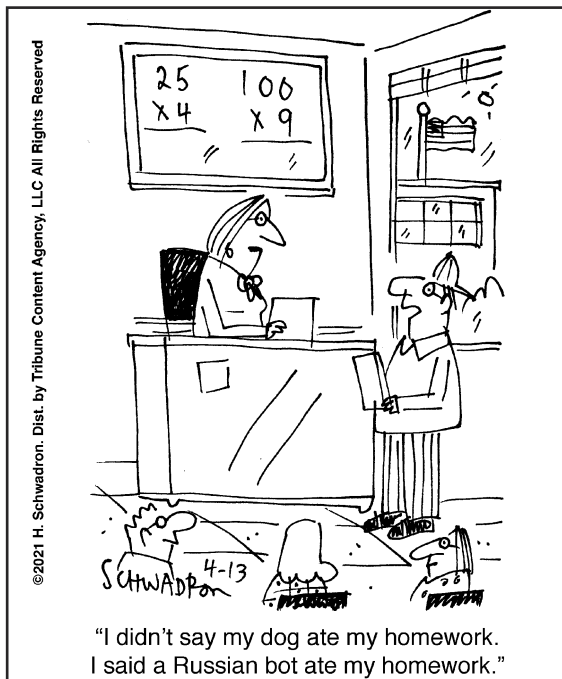
- 1 Prepared, as a bed
5 Scuttlebutt
10 Col. Sanders's chain
13 Soft palate feature that translates to "little grape"
15 Battery terminal
16 Right-angle shape
17 Where Alcatraz sits
20 Towel embroidery word
21 Like many meds
22 "A ___ Day's Night": Beatles song
23 Disc sport popular on college campuses
28 Shakespearean fairy queen
29 Jay of late-night TV
30 Lady's man
33 "A Room of One's Own" author
35 Admirer
38 Give-it-a-test-run advice
- 42 Kiki, Sandra or Ruby
43 Brainiacs, maybe
44 Mass ___: an I-90 nickname
45 Fair
46 "Dude!"
48 Storied pot-of-gold spot
56 Achy
57 What a slob makes
58 Nitrogen-based dye
59 Hiding-your-eyes parent-baby game
64 Veer off course
65 Vegan and Paleo regimens
66 Roadside hot dog seller
67 NBC staple for 45 years
68 Daisy variety
69 Three in a deck
- ## Down
- 1 ___ pork: Chinese menu item
2 To no ___: in vain
3 Kirsten of Spider-Man films

- 4 Toymaker for Santa
5 Charged
6 Mom's brother
7 "Surely you don't mean me?!"
8 Has too much, briefly
9 ___ center
10 Skewered dish
11 Bell-bottom bottom
12 Only non-rhyming Pac-Man ghost
14 Roastery draw
18 Many a Mideast native
19 Very, very
24 Website for film buffs
25 Polar bear hang-outs
26 Bank (on)
27 Inside scoop
30 Inc., in England
31 Underground find
32 Pastrami holder
33 Value
34 Chicago airport code
- 35 "The X-Files" org.
36 Arctic seabird
37 TV's "Science Guy"
39 Plenty, in texts
40 Gala
41 "Once ___ ..."
45 Kangaroo kid
46 Diamond bag
47 Daredevil dangers
48 TV sports awards
49 Hall of Fame pitcher Ryan
50 Southern twang
51 E, on a gauge
52 Peanut Butter Cup creator
53 Storybook elephant
54 Layer with a hole
55 "Toy Story" cowboy
60 "Yes, indeed!"
61 Give a thumbs-down
62 "___ whiz!"
63 Law firm fig.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

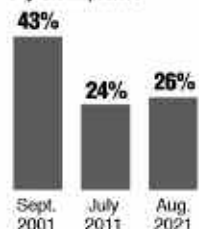


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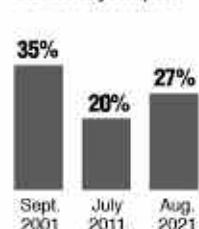
Americans' fears after 9/11

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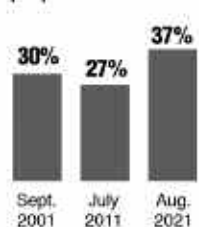
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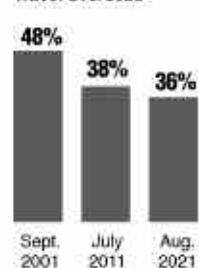
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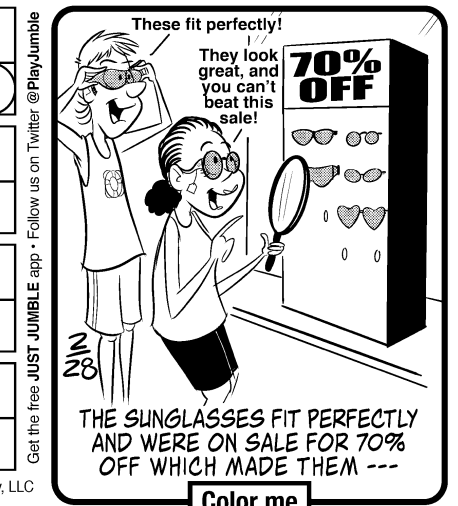
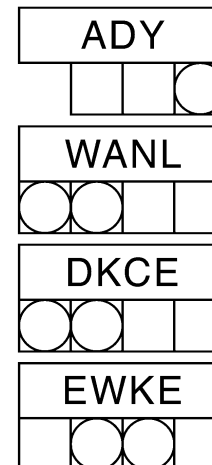
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JUMBLE KIDS

FOR THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!®

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.



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Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Print your answer here: " [] [] [] [] - [] [] [] [] "

Jumbles: DAY LAWN DECK WEEK
Answer: The sunglasses fit perfectly and were on sale for 70% off which made them — "EYE-DEAL"

Those who forget...

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

At the end of our twenty-year slog through Afghanistan, we are seeing many post-mortems of the war already, even before the smoke has begun to clear. And the final chapter was a doozy – a withdrawal from the combat theater that looked like pure chaos.

WHO OWNS IT?

In the world I grew up in, the Commander is responsible for all his unit does or fails to do. This applies as much to a Commander in Chief as it does to any other Commander. It's the man at the Resolute desk today who is responsible for what happens today. Does he "own" the whole war? No. It spanned four administrations. Each owns a big bite of it. But the last chapter is owned by President Joe Biden.

WHERE DID THE WITHDRAWAL FROM KABUL GO WRONG?

The first thing to understand is that a withdrawal under pressure is an extremely difficult operation. Pressure comes from any number of sources – the enemy, the time available, the resources available, and, yes, mobs of panicked civilians.

Normally this type of operation goes to the Marine Corps. The Marines are specialists at Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO). Any time the United States must pull its civilian personnel out of a country, the Marines are usually the ones to handle the evacuation, just like they handle embassy security.

However, the embassy is the direct responsibility of the Department of State, under the leadership of the ambassador. This interagency piece is one of the first places where things can go wrong – the Departments of State and Defense are two very different cultures and languages. The Ambassador is a political appointee, often viewing the situation through a different lens than the military forces tasked to conduct the operation. It was one of the places where things went wrong during the last large NEO which the military called OPERATION FREQUENT WIND.

OPERATION FREQUENT WIND

The United States' Ambassador to South Viet-

nam, Graham Martin, had lost his only son in the Vietnam War - he was very emotionally invested where he found himself at the end of April 1975. Up until the end, as North Vietnamese troops were knocking on the gates of Saigon, he would not allow anyone in the embassy to talk publicly about evacuation – he thought it would hurt the South Vietnamese military's morale. Of course, by this time, the South Vietnamese military was in a state of near-total collapse.

In scenes very reminiscent of the Kabul airport, Danang, the major city north of Saigon, fell a month earlier and mobs of South Vietnamese soldiers and frightened civilians ran across the tarmac to try and force their way onto the last aircraft leaving Danang's airport. While this was happening, Martin was in a state of denial and an evacuation lost many valuable hours. But this set the conditions for one of the things that did go right about the evacuation.

BUILDING FLEXIBILITY – BRANCH PLANS

A smart planner builds off-ramps into his or her plan. Why? Because operations are not nearly as simple as they look on paper. What happens when assumptions you counted on turn out not to be true? These off-ramps are called "branch plans" - where you exit one plan and enter another.

Operation **FREQUENT WIND** had several branch plans. Its initial plan for evacuation of non-combatants was via commercial aircraft from Tan Son Nhut Airport, located about 4 miles from the Saigon embassy. If they couldn't get the commercial airframes, branch plan 1 called for evacuation by military aircraft from the airport.

However, due to delays in decision-making by the Ambassador and the rapid advance of the North Vietnamese forces the airport became untenable. America suffered its last battle deaths in Vietnam at Tan Son Nhut airport, as rocket attacks killed United States Marines Corporal Charles McMahan and Lance Corporal Darwin Judge. Aircraft were being destroyed on the runways. The airport was out.

The next branch plan called for evacuation by sea from Saigon's port. If that was unworkable, the final branch plan called for evacuation by helicopters from the embassy compound, which ended up becoming the only option available once the go-ahead was given for the evacuation. It turned out

that the seaport became untenable as well. Branch plan 3 was called upon – a helicopter evacuation from the United States Embassy.

WHAT WERE THE POTENTIAL BRANCH PLANS FOR KABUL?

A lot of armchair strategists have been carping about how Bagram Air Base could have been used to evacuate military and civilians out of Kabul. Perhaps, with sufficient forces on ground. Perhaps, if it were not being conducted under pressure. There were hardly sufficient forces to hold Bagram airfield and pickup points in Kabul, as well as securing the 40 miles between Kabul's airport and Bagram. In Saigon, the ships were literally waiting offshore for the helicopters evacuating people. Afghanistan was landlocked and mountainous, without a convenient and secure area to fly evacuees to.

SO WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

Before I form my final opinion how the withdrawal from Kabul went, there's certain things I'd want to know.

First, what WAS the plan? I refuse to believe that there was no plan. We had seasoned Ambassadors in Afghanistan, Marines in charge of the planning (ideally), and a theater of operations we became pretty familiar with. I'd like to know what the plan was, and how it was adapted to the rapidly developing situation on ground. I'd like to know if it was rehearsed.

I'd also like to know the level of friction and interference between the military and diplomatic channels during the evacuation. The most important question to me is how often the operation was forced to react to political changes in addition to the situation on the ground.

Our troops performed heroically at the finale of both the Vietnam and Afghanistan wars. They performed superhuman feats, evacuating tremendous numbers of people. What frustrates me is when the efforts need to be superhuman to overcome our own limitations and missteps.

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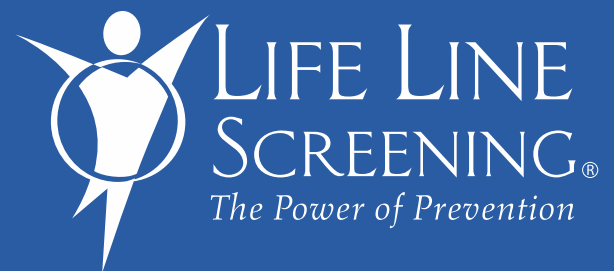
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